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NOTIFICATION OF ERROR IN SMALL ENTITY STATUS AND PAYMENT OF DEFICIENCY OWED

UNDER 37 CFR §1.28(c)

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The Issue Fee, Notice of Appeal fee and an extension of time fee for the aboveidentified patent correctly claimed small entity status in good faith. However, it has recently been discovered that such status as a small entity changed on July 22, 2005. Small entity status 00000015 was continued in good faith when the issue fee was paid, but in error due to inadvertence and without deceptive intent. The following submission and itemization hereby meet the requirements of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.28(c)(1) and (c)(2) and MPEP Section 509.03(X).

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Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the total deficiency payment be processed as set out below and that the error be excused.

ITEMIZATION AND CALCULATION OF THE DEFICIENCY OWED

| DATE FILED | TYPE OF FEE | SMALL FEE ACTUALLY PAID | (CURRENT) LARGE FEE APPLIED | DEFICIENCY PAYMENT OWED |
|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 07/21/2006 | Issue Fee | \$700 | \$1400 | \$700 |
| 03/31/2006 | Notice of Appeal Fee | \$250 | \$500 | \$250 |
| 03/31/2006 | 2-Month Extension of Time Fee | \$225 | \$450 | \$225 |

TOTAL DEFICIENCY OWED: \$1175

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to deduct the total fees of \$1175 from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please deduct any additional fees from, or credit any overpayment to, the above-noted Deposit Account.

Applicant understands that under 37 CFR §1.27(g)(2) and §1.28(d) this submission is treated as a notification of loss of small entity status.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415.576.0200.

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